

**PROPERTY REVIEW  
FEDERAL CENTER SOUTH**

**1.0 Background Information**

Facility Name and Address

Federal Center South  
4735 East Marginal Way  
Seattle, WA 98134

Facility Owner/Operator and Property Owner

U.S. Government  
General Services Administration (GSA)

Current Use of Site

The site is currently used to house federal offices, including the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). The Federal Center South building is considered a historic building (GSA 2003).

Past Use of Site

Buildings 1201 and 1206 of the Federal Center south were designed by Albert Kahn and built in 1930-32 as the Ford Motor Company Assembly Plant. Building 1206 was the Ford Factory “Oil House,” and was originally a service building with underground pipeline and tunnel connections to Building 1201, the Main Assembly Plant. The Ford plant was in production by July of 1932, and the “famous assembly line” produced four cylinder cars, trucks, and the “new V-8 cars.” In 1940, Ford released the plant to the U.S. Army; it then became the Seattle General Depot. By 1943, the Army Corps of Engineers dominated the entire 4000 block of East Marginal Way with warehouses, depots, offices, and clinics. The Corps remained at this location until 1956. From 1957 to 1970, the Boeing Airplane Company Missile Production Center was located in the old Ford Plant. Renovation plans dated 1973 indicate that the U.S. Government reoccupied the site after Boeing. The original Ford Factory Oil House, Building 1206, was converted from industrial to office use as a part of the Federal Center South complex.

Size of Site

No information on the size of the site was available.

Site Security

No information on site security was available.

### Adjacent Land Use

The site is bordered on the north by Port of Seattle Terminal 108 and the Chevron property, on the west by the Duwamish River, on the east by East Marginal Way, and on the south by unknown industrial properties

## **2.0 Site Map**

The site location is shown on Figure 1.

## **3.0 Chemical/Waste Handling Information**

### Chemicals Used/Stored at the Site

No information on chemicals used/stored at the site was available.

### Waste Products Generated or Stored at the Site

No information on waste products generated or stored at the site was available.

### Volumes of Chemicals Used and Wastes Generated Per Year; Maximum On Site

No information on volumes of chemicals used or wastes generated was available.

### Chemical or Waste Treatment Systems

No information on chemical or waste treatment systems at the site was available.

### Chemical/Waste Storage or Disposal Areas

No information on chemical/waste storage or disposal areas was available.

### Wastes Removed From the Site

No information on wastes removed from the site was available.

### Spills or Releases

No information on spills or releases from the site was available.

### Hazardous Substances Used, Stored, or Released by Prior Owners/Operators

No information on hazardous substances used, stored, or released by prior owners/operators was available.

#### **4.0 Permit Information**

No permit information was available for this facility.

#### **5.0 Sampling/Cleanup Information**

No information on sampling or cleanup activities at this site was available.

#### **References**

U.S. General Services Administration. 2003. Historic Federal Buildings, Statement of Significance, Federal Center South Building No. 1206, 4735 East Marginal Way, Seattle, WA 98134. <http://w3.gsa.gov/web/p/interaia.nsf/0/cdff9523164213c58525672a007965cd?OpenDocument>.